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Courts / Rulings

Officer in DUI case may testify on meaning of performance in test for eye condition

The Fifth District Court of Appeal yesterday held that a properly-trained

police officer who conducted a test for nystagmus, an eye condition, as part of a DUI traffic stop can testify to the test's connection to the defendant's intoxication, because the test is now widely accepted by the scientific community. The nystagmus test is performed by having a suspect track with his or her gaze an object moved back and forth along the horizontal plane.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Judge rules former Chief Beck can be deposed in whistleblower suit
A judge ruled Wednesday that former police Chief Charlie Beck will have to sit for a deposition in a lawsuit brought by a criminalist who alleges the Los Angeles Police Department deliberately overlooked evidence that linked an LAPD detective to the 1986 murder of her former boyfriend's wife. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Holly Fujie denied a motion by attorneys for the city to quash a subpoena served on Beck by lawyers representing plaintiff Jennifer Francis.
My News LA

Judge: Convicted Davis killer Daniel Marsh will remain in adult court
The Davis man convicted when he was a teen of murdering an elderly couple will remain in adult court, a judged decided on Wednesday. According to CBS 13, Daniel Marsh was 15 when he was convicted and sentenced to 52-years-to-life in prison for the grisly 2013 killing of Davis couple Oliver Northup and Claudia Maupin. However, Proposition 57 now requires judges to decide if minors will be tried as adults - which wasn't available when Marsh was initially tried.
CBS San Francisco

Child has standing to sue for wrongful death of mother's boyfriend - Court of Appeal
A child whose mother's boyfriend died in an incident with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has standing to sue the county for wrongful death, because the man - though not the boy's biological father - raised him and held him out as his own, the Court of Appeal for this district has declared. The opinion, by Acting Presiding Justice Laurie D. Zelon of Div. Seven, was filed on Oct. 1 and certified for publication on Thursday.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

LA judge chastised - again - for delegating casework to clerk
A veteran judge with a history of empowering his courtroom clerk to oversee case management conferences was admonished Wednesday by the Commission on Judicial Performance. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Ernest Hiroshige, who first took the Municipal Court bench in 1980, posted a notice in his courtroom advising attorneys that he would review their submitted papers and allow his clerk to "meet &

confer with counsel/parties" to schedule future dates on their matters.
The Recorder

Judge lacked authority to bring his own allegations against father
A Los Angeles Superior Court judge improperly assumed an advocacy role when he amended a dependency petition on his own motion to allege abuse by a father who had not been named as an offending parent by the Department of Children and Family Services, the Court of Appeal for this district has held. Justice Luis A. Lavin of Div. Three penned the opinion, filed on Thursday and made public Friday. It reverses the jurisdictional finding by Judge Joshua D. Wayser.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

LAPD commander accused of being drunk in public alleges false arrest in Glendale
A Los Angeles Police Department commander accused of being drunk in public has taken legal action against the Glendale Police Department, claiming her detention during a driving-under-the-influence investigation was improper. Nicole Mehringer filed a governmental claim Wednesday that accuses unnamed Glendale officers and two sergeants of false arrest, false imprisonment, defamation, and other alleged harms during the incident on Brand Boulevard.
NBC Los Angeles

Carlsbad killer's sentence will not be lessened under SB 620, judge rules
A judge ruled Wednesday that a Carlsbad woman's 40-year sentence for shooting and killing her husband will not be reduced. Julie Harper was convicted of second-degree murder for the killing of her husband, Jason Harper, on Aug. 7, 2012 in their North County home. Julie Harper was eligible for resentencing under Senate Bill 620 - a law that gives a judge the discretion to strike a gun allegation, which mandates 25-years to life.
NBC7 San Diego

Judge says L.A. County sheriff's officials must reveal if they know which deputies have skull tattoos
A judge said Thursday that Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department officials must reveal whether they know the names of deputies who have matching skull tattoos at the Compton station. Allegations about a secret society of inked deputies at the station have been at the center of a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of Donta Taylor, who was shot and killed by deputies in 2016.
Los Angeles Times

Prosecutors / Prosecutions

Notorious founder of the Billionaire Boys Club wants parole. It's

just his latest con, prosecutors say
Before O.J. Simpson, before Erik and Lyle Menendez, there was Joe Hunt. Handsome and charismatic with a boyish charm, Hunt led the Billionaire Boys Club, a social and investment fraternity. Club members, clad in Armani suits and driving high-end BMWs, dined at Spago and partied with supermodels. The exclusive club, however, was a giant, high-stakes investment scam.
Los Angeles Times

A state official overseeing Koreatown bars was on the take for years, prosecutors say
A California official who enforced the state's liquor laws in Koreatown schemed with a businessman to shake down karaoke bar owners as part of a brazen ploy that went on for years, federal prosecutors alleged Friday. Wilbur M. Salao, 46, and Scott Seo, 49, appeared in court this week on an array of federal crimes stemming from the fraud allegations. Both men pleaded not guilty and were released on bond, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a statement.
Los Angeles Times

Retired LAPD detective pleads not guilty to assault
A retired Los Angeles Police Department homicide detective pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a felony assault charge stemming from an alleged confrontation last month in a South Los Angeles parking lot. Charles Gerald Tizano, 70, is charged with one count of assault with a semi-automatic firearm, along with an allegation that he personally used a firearm, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
Read more from City News Service

Mission Hills man charged after teen son brings gun to school
A Mission Hills man has been criminally charged for failing to properly lock up a handgun which his 17-year-old stepson took to school last month. Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer announced Tuesday that Jose Munoz, 35, was charged with one count each of criminal storage of a firearm carried off-premises to a public school and unlawful storage of a firearm.
CBS Los Angeles

Robert Durst murder trial seeks Ryan Gosling movie screening to convict heir
Ryan Gosling is attracting a lot of awards-season attention right now for his role as Neil Armstrong in First Man, but for the Los Angeles County District Attorney, today the moonshot is all about his thinly veiled portrayal of Robert Durst in 2010's All Good Things. Seriously.
Deadline

Why athletes generally don't face criminal charges for on-court fights
Suspensions have been handed down after the NBA's review of tape of a

melee involving players Chris Paul, Brandon Ingram and Rajon Rondo. Rondo is believed to have spit on Paul, but the league concluded Ingram was the initial instigator. According to the NBA's release: "Ingram has been suspended for aggressively returning to and escalating the altercation and throwing a punch in the direction of Paul, confronting a game official in a hostile manner, and instigating the overall incident by shoving Rockets guard James Harden."
NBC News

From racketeering claims to rape charges, a guide to all the cases against Harvey Weinstein
He must have been fitted for a tuxedo every year for decades. Five months ago, he was fitted for a black ReliAlertTXC ankle monitor. Somewhere in the states of New York or Connecticut, Harvey Weinstein wears this 9.87-ounce accessory that will surely never appear on the Academy Awards red carpet. He is waiting to find out if he will go to prison for the rest of his life.
Think Progress

The Feds just hit a notorious swatter with 46 new charges. He intends to plead guilty
Three days after last Christmas, a 25-year-old Los Angeles man named Tyler Barriss allegedly called police in Wichita, Kansas, and pretended that he'd murdered his father and was holding hostages in a house near the city's downtown. Barriss thought the house belonged to an avid Call of Dutygamer he wanted to harass, but he was mistaken about the address. (WIRED has published a detailed account of the case.)
Wired

Prop 57 & 47 & AB 109

You have to read beyond the headlines
If you read the headlines in last week's Sun, "Seal Beach crime down 15 percent so far In 2018" and read no further than the headline and the crime table, one would have a rosy picture that crime is going down in Seal Beach. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you actually read the article, the author points out, crime has risen since proposition 47 passed in 2014. In fact, crime is tracking 18 percent higher than in 2014.
Sun News

New law allows criminal to petition for parole 20 years after murdering best friend
Colusa is rallying behind the family of a teen murdered two decades ago, Erik Ingebretsen. Erik was 16 years old when his best friends murdered him in 1997, leaving his body in a field. One of the killers, Nathan Ramazzini, was under 18 at the time and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Ramazzini is now 38.
CBS 13 Sacramento

Law Enforcement

Top LAPD official abruptly resigns

An Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department said this week he would leave his post and formally retire later this year. Jorge A. Villegas, a longtime close confidant of Chief Michel Moore, made the sudden announcement to officials and staff and said he planned to open a private business. Villegas had been in charge of personnel, recruitment, and training as head of the office of administrative services. In the coming weeks, Chief Moore will choose a successor, the LAPD said in a brief statement.
NBC4 Los Angeles

Wagers galore as Dodgers-Red Sox set for World Series

With the much anticipated World Series set to kick off Tuesday night at Fenway Park, the stakes have been upped on both coasts thanks to several friendly and high-profile wagers. In a video posted to Twitter Tuesday morning, Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore offered his counterpart, Boston Police Department Commissioner William Gross, the following bet: "Langer's world famous pastrami sandwiches for your crew if you win, and Boston's finest lobsters for me, if we win, or when we win," Moore declared confidently.
CBS Los Angeles

ACLU targets ICE after Amazon pitched facial-recognition technology

Amazon has found itself in a new controversy over its facial-recognition software. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on Wednesday filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) demanding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) disclose whether it uses Amazon's software.
Fox Business

Apple reportedly blocked police iPhone hacking tool and nobody knows how

Apple's latest iteration of iOS has reportedly turned the GrayKey hacking device into an expensive doorstop. Law enforcement around the world has taken to using GrayKey to break into locked iPhones but it appears Apple has finally gotten ahead of the device's crafty manufacturers. For now. Forbes' Thomas Brewster has been on top of the GrayKey saga from the beginning.
Gizmodo

Instead of firing at an 11-year-old with a BB gun, an Ohio officer teaches him a lesson

Officer Peter Casuccio drew his weapon as he approached two young boys suspected of having a gun. He ordered them to stop, turn around and show him their hands. A scared 11-year-old pulled out what

appeared to be a firearm from his waist and tossed it. The gun broke into pieces on a sidewalk on the north side of Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday.
CNN

45 arrested in crackdown on Riverside gang violence
Forty-five suspected gang members and associates have been arrested in a crackdown on gang violence in a Southern California neighborhood. Authorities announced Friday that the joint operation by police and the California Department of Justice in the Eastside area of Riverside also resulted in seizure of 63 firearms, illegal narcotics and evidence of gang membership.
NBC4 Los Angeles

Orange County Sheriff's Department defends deputy seen repeatedly punching DUI suspect in dash-cam footage
The lawyer for a man shown being repeatedly punched by an Orange County sheriff's deputy in dash-cam footage is fighting back against the department, which called the use of force "appropriate for the situation." Mohamed Sayem, 33, was unconscious in the driver's seat of his own vehicle in Stanton, California, when he was approached by deputies Michael Devitt and Eric Ota on Aug. 19.
ABC News

Meet Sherlock, LA County's new K9 with a nose for fighting crime
When an investigation was launched for a conspiracy involving illegal narcotics in the Los Angeles County Jail System, the sheriff's department turned to Sherlock. He's the department's new K-9 partner, and it appears he is already worthy of his name. With Sherlock's help, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department detectives were able to serve a search warrant at the suspects' Los Angeles area residence on Oct. 23.
NBC4 Los Angeles

FBI investigating possible wrongdoing by inspector on Bel-Air mansion, city investigator testifies
A Los Angeles city employee who inspected a colossal mansion under construction in Bel-Air received "items of value" in connection with that work, according to a city investigator. During a deposition earlier this month, special investigator Randolph Osborne said a city probe had turned up evidence of possible wrongdoing by a Department of Building and Safety inspector.
Los Angeles Times

Connecting command to the frontline: How critical incident insight keeps officers and assets safe
In today's public safety environment, the need for insight into critical incidents is essential. Just count the number of active shooter incidents in the past year that have required a coordinated response to a dynamic situation. Having a 360-degree view of where each of your officers and

vehicles are can literally mean the difference between life and death.
PoliceOne

Criminal Justice / Public Safety

Police kill man accused in fatal shooting of Georgia officer from Southern California
The 18-year-old man accused of fatally shooting a police officer near a school in the Atlanta area over the weekend was shot and killed by another officer Monday, police said. Authorities said they believe 18-year-old Tafahree Maynard fatally shot Officer Antwan Toney on Saturday afternoon in the Snellville area, Gwinnett County Police said in a statement.
NBC4 Los Angeles

Long Beach center, police create mental health training video series
The Guidance Center, a Long Beach-based nonprofit child and family mental health services provider, has partnered with law enforcement agencies to create training videos helping officers deal with people experiencing mental issues. Called the Roll Call Mental Health Training Video Series, it has taken more than a year to complete.
Long Beach Press-Telegram

Oakland Mayor: Police won't ask applicants about sex assault
After it was revealed Sunday that the Oakland Police Department asks officer applicants to disclose whether they have been sexually assaulted, Mayor Libby Schaaf said she has ordered the removal of that waiver. The revelation, first reported by the San Francisco Chronicle, was said to be a rare and potentially problematic inquiry. Schaaf released a statement Sunday in response to the newspaper report.
AP/NBC4

Legalized marijuana linked to a sharp rise in car crashes
There has been an increase by up to 6 percent in the number of highway crashes in four of the states where the recreational use of marijuana has been legalized, according to a pair of new studies. The new reports do not prove there's a direct risk caused by the use of marijuana among motorists, but they raise caution flags, especially since there is no easy way to test drivers to be sure if they are, in fact, under the influence of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, said David Harkey, president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Highway Loss Data Institute.
NBC News

L.A. County Sheriff launches 2 reviews of unit that stopped thousands of Latinos on 5 Freeway, but officials push back against claims of racial profiling
Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell has launched a pair of internal

reviews into a team of deputies who have pulled over thousands of innocent Latino drivers on the 5 Freeway in a search for drugs. Sheriff's officials told the department's civilian oversight commission on Thursday that auditors were examining data on the traffic stops and the department's constitutional policing advisor is reviewing the team's practices amid allegations that deputies engaged in racial profiling along the highway.
Los Angeles Times/KTLA

Human Trafficking

Study: California is among the worst for human trafficking
A new federal study revealed California is one of the top five states leading the way in human trafficking. In 2017, 55 human trafficking cases worked their way through the federal court system, according to the Federal Human Trafficking Report. California was ranked fourth in human trafficking cases filed. New York is the leader in human trafficking cases - 72 were filed last year.
Visalia Times Delta

Investigation leads to arrest of woman on suspicion of human trafficking
A 57-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of human trafficking following a three-month investigation into allegations that two massage businesses and a home in the San Gabriel Valley were operating as brothels, authorities said Thursday. Employees at Royal Massage and Garvey Therapy in the 9600 block of Garvey Avenue in South El Monte, Rose Spa and Beauty Laser Massage in the 2800 block of Peck Road in El Monte and at a home in the 300 block of Newby Avenue in San Gabriel, were allegedly being trafficked and forced into commercial sex work by the female owner of the business, according to Lt. Kent Wegener of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Human Trafficking Bureau.
My News LA

Human trafficking task force in SFV reports 1,717 arrests in 3 years
The Los Angeles Police Department's Operations-Valley Bureau Human Trafficking Task Force marked its third anniversary Friday, with officials saying it has resulted in 1,717 arrests related to human trafficking, pimping, lewd conduct and other acts. "Ever since I was a little girl, I have known there was a problem with sex trafficking along Sepulveda (Boulevard) and Lankershim (Boulevard). This is why I made it my mission since I came into office to address these issues," City Councilwoman Nury Martinez said.
NBC4 Los Angeles

Pimp convicted of human trafficking of minors
A Los Angeles man was convicted Thursday of trafficking teenage girls

as young as 13 for commercial sex. A jury in downtown Los Angeles found Raylonzo Roberts, 43, guilty of two felony counts each of pandering by procuring a minor under age 16, human trafficking of a minor for a commercial sex act, human trafficking of a minor for a commercial sex act by force, fear, fraud or threat of injury and lewd act on a child, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
My News LA

Elections

LA County Sheriff candidates fight for votes

Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell faces a rare runoff for reelection, going up against retired sheriff Lt. Alex Villanueva. Villanueva, who retired from his post last February, is endorsed by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party. He paints McDonnell as a career bureaucrat, while the incumbent Sheriff points to his opponent's lack of experience. Warren Olney sat down with both candidates, individually.
KCRW

Newsom's comments on reconsidering drug injection sites draw criticism

California Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom's comments about being "very, very open" to pilot safe injection sites (SIS) for illegal drugs drew sharp criticism from local community members who oppose the idea of an SIS. "We condemn Newsom for making such a promise hastily and are very concerned about his candidacy for Governor!" stated a joint press release issued by five organizations: California Coalition against Drugs, California for Liberty, International Faith Based Coalition, Organization for Justice and Equality, and Take Back America. The press release was issued on Oct. 19.
The Epoch Times

L.A. Metro will offer free rides on buses, trains on Election Day Nov. 6

In an effort to boost Los Angeles County's historically poor voter turnout, Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials agreed Thursday to offer free fares on the sprawling bus and rail system on election day. On Nov. 6, rides on Metro's six rail lines and 2,200 buses will be free from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Eliminating the $1.75 fare for a day will cost the agency an estimated $600,000, officials said.
KTLA

Convictions / Sentences

68-year-old Coachella Valley conman described by judge as 'exceptional' criminal sentenced to 10 years in Federal prison

A career criminal based in La Quinta who posed as an FBI special agent

and wealthy real estate investor to defraud his victims of nearly $2 million was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison this week, prosecutors said. Jerome Arthur Whittington, 68, was sentenced Monday after previously pleading guilty to 33 counts of conspiracy, wire fraud and passport fraud in May 2016, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California said in a news release.
KTLA

Lynwood man sentenced to 423 years for robberies and rapes targeting elderly women in Long Beach
A Lynwood man was sentenced to 423 years on Monday for knocking on doors in Long Beach and then assaulting and robbing the elderly women who answered. A Los Angeles County Superior Court jury in July convicted Melvin Earl Farmer Jr., 40, of 13 felony counts, including burglary, sexual battery, dissuading a witness from reporting a crime, criminal threats and forcible rape, according to court records.
Los Angeles Times

Governor reverses man's parole decision for third time in killing of Modesto couple
For the third time in three years, Gov. Jerry Brown has reversed the state parole board's decision and ordered Jeffrey Maria to remain in prison for the June 1979 killings of Philip and Kathryn Ranzo, a Modesto couple brutally attacked in their home. Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager and state Sen. Cathleen Galgiani urged residents to ask the governor to reverse the parole board's June 6 decision.
Modesto Bee

Alhambra man sentenced to 6 years for fatal hit-and-run collision in Pasadena
A Southern California driver was sentenced Tuesday, Oct. 23, to six years in prison for killing another driver in a hit-and-run crash in Pasadena five months ago. Robert Michael Ybarra, who police said has addresses in Alhambra and Los Angeles, took a deal in the case. The 35-year-old Ybarra pleaded no contest on Tuesday to vehicular manslaughter and was then sentenced, according to Ricardo Santiago, spokesman for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
San Gabriel Valley Tribune

L.A. gang member sentenced to 35 years in prison in Federal drug case
A Los Angeles gang member with a long criminal history received a 35-year federal prison sentence Wednesday, federal officials said. A jury convicted Marquis "Tiny Looney" Shaw, 43, of South Los Angeles, last year of three counts of drug dealing, including distributing crack cocaine near schools, the U.S. Department of Justice spokesman Thom Mrozek said in a written statement.

KTLA

Los Angeles County

USC to pay $215M in sexual misconduct settlement
USC's settlement is one of several among U.S. colleges in the last decade related to sexual misconduct by staff or students. The most notable is the $500 million agreement reached in May by Michigan State University to support victims of former university sports doctor Larry Nassar, who abused more than 300 women. The payouts by Pennsylvania State University over the abuse case involving assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky have surpassed $100 million.
Education Dive

Typhus epidemic requires broader approach from health officials
County public health officials are taking a broader approach in tackling the typhus epidemic after multiple cases were discovered last week in Pasadena, Long Beach and Los Angeles. The county Board of Supervisors asked Department of Public Health executive director Barbara Ferrer to work with the municipal health agencies in Long Beach and Pasadena to widen the scope of identifying and treating the disease.
LA Weekly

L.A. County firefighters earn massive overtime pay, busting budgets and raising questions
Overtime costs at the Los Angeles County Fire Department surged 36% in the last five years, placing some firefighters among the highest-compensated workers in local government. The increase comes as the department grapples with staffing shortages and several seasons of extreme wildfires. Yet some county officials and outside experts question whether fire commanders are properly managing their $1-billion payroll.
Los Angeles Times

Porter Ranch residents want more time to weigh in on a proposed $1 million health study
Porter Ranch residents want more time. They want an extension on a public comment period to weigh in with the South Coast Air Quality Management District on a plan to study the effects of the Aliso Canyon gas leak. As it stands, the deadline for public comment is Sunday, Oct. 21. But a group of 20 residents of Porter Ranch, Northridge and Granada Hills peppered an air quality official Wednesday, Oct. 17, about its $1 million health study and upcoming deadline of its draft.
Los Angeles Daily News

L.A. County looks to expand jail diversion program
A pilot program aimed at getting homeless people who commit low-level crimes into treatment or housing rather than jail cells is likely to be expanded, based on a vote Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Board of

Supervisors. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said 42 of the 109 people enrolled in the pilot have since moved into in-patient substance abuse treatment programs or bridge or permanent housing.
My News LA

LA County Human Relations Commission pushes for info on investigation into Gemmel Moore's death
The Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission has pressed the Sheriff's Department for information about its investigation into the death of Gemmel Moore and requested the assistance of the West Hollywood City Council in getting that information. Moore, a 26-year-old black gay man, was found dead of a methamphetamine overdose on July 27, 2017, in the Laurel Avenue apartment of Ed Buck, a then 63-year-old white gay man who was known for his donations to Democratic Party candidates and his advocacy for animal rights.
WEHOville

Record number of anti-trans hate crimes in Los Angeles County
Reported hate crimes in Los Angeles County increased by five percent last year to 508, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) announced Oct. 18. For the second consecutive year, there were a record number of anti-transgender crimes. Ninety-four percent of those were violent.
Los Angeles Blade

County public health dominates residents' concerns on third anniversary of Aliso Canyon blowout
"$25 million can purchase an awful lot of biased scientific data." This was the message of caution by a physician who has been helping a community damaged by an environmental disaster. On the third anniversary of the largest gas disaster in US history, the subject was health. And Dr. Jeffrey Nordella was one of the speakers at a press conference, joined by Alexandria Nagy of Food and Water Watch, Patricia Oliver, a lawyer representing a group of Los Angeles City firefighters, and Andrew Krowne and Craig Galanti, who are part of the newly organized Aliso Canyon Community Action Committee.
KNOCK

Consumer News

Canada Goose CEO: Counterfeits are a "backhanded compliment of sorts"
Luxury goods brands routinely declare - often in unison - that fakes are not in fashion. They may not be yelling this from the runway but the countless lawsuits that are routinely filed every year in courts across the globe citing trademark infringement and dilution, unfair competition, false designation of origin, and copyright and patent infringement, among other claims, are certainly demonstrative of this.
The Fashion Law

Consumers & brand owners lose, Amazon & eBay win in counterfeiting crisis
Consumers would be shocked to learn they are throwing away good money for an inexhaustible supply of counterfeit goods sold on Amazon and eBay. Counterfeiting is the world's largest criminal enterprise, estimated at $1.7 trillion, and e-commerce websites including Amazon and eBay take a transaction fee for each fake item sold.
The Counterfeit Report

California

How California became Trump's toughest foe
With nearly 40 million residents and the fifth-largest economy in the world, California is big enough to be its own country, and in many ways it has started to act like one. Gov. Jerry Brown and an overwhelmingly Democratic legislature currently enjoy one of the fastest-growing economies in the U.S., a booming clean-energy sector, and a $9 billion budget surplus. Confident of success, they're pursuing a liberal policy agenda diametrically opposed to President Trump's.
The Week

A look at California's new juvenile justice laws
In recent years, Gov. Jerry Brown has been attempting to shift the state's approach to juvenile justice. And over the past five years, lawmakers have passed a number of bills aimed at doing just that. These new laws are already changing the justice system for minors and those individuals who were convicted of a crime when they were younger than 18-years-old. We are thrilled to share that California Governor Jerry Brown has signed into law SB 1391, which prohibits the prosecution of 14 and 15 year olds as adults.
ABC10 Sacramento

Corrections

Turlock woman who killed boyfriend granted clemency. Now, she's suitable for parole.
When Natalie Lynn Jaspar was initially sentenced for shooting her boyfriend in the back of the head, she wouldn't get her first chance at parole until September 2038. But the Turlock woman was granted clemency by Gov. Jerry Brown. Her 40 years to life sentence was cut in half, and she immediately became eligible for parole. Jaspar was found suitable for parole on Oct. 4, 20 years after she killed her boyfriend, Thomas Hines, as he was loading items into the back of a pickup.
Modesto Bee

Homeless

L.A.'s crackdown on homeless camps faces legal obstacles

The effort in Los Angeles to address complaints about the homelessness crisis is about to hit a critical moment, with big implications for the mayor. Legal issues are clouding the city's cleanup and enforcement plans - and thrusting Mayor Eric Garcetti between angry property owners and religious and civil rights advocates as he launches an aggressive drive to take control of L.A.'s sprawling homeless encampments.
Los Angeles Times

Although L.A. mayor calls latest crackdown on homeless camps a success, legal issues cloud city's plans
To hear Mayor Eric Garcetti tell it, a city crackdown on downtown Los Angeles street encampments went off this month with barely a hitch: one arrest, seven people moved to shelters, 13 placed on the waiting list and the number of people in tents cut by more than half. Cleanup crews with police escorts swept through homeless camps in the El Pueblo historic district, bagging and tagging possessions for storage and dumping tents, trash, needles and human waste.
Los Angeles Times

Garcetti says $85 million from State for homelessness already being put to use
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced Wednesday that the city has received its full disbursement of $85 million in state funds for various homeless initiatives, and plans to dedicate at least $20 million just for the Skid Row area where an estimated 2,000 people sleep on the streets. The previously approved, one-time Homeless Emergency Assistance Program dollars come from a state budget surplus, along with an additional $81 million awarded to the Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority, which administers homeless programs in the county.
My News LA

Media

Here's who the LA Times has newly hired*
On Monday morning the Times announced that Sue Horton will return as Op-Ed Editor in December after a four-year absence. Now a top news editor for Reuters, Horton was at the Times from 2001-2014 and ran the op-ed page after stints as Sunday Opinion editor and deputy metro editor. She will report, as before, to Nicholas Goldberg, editor of the editorial pages. Horton is a former editor of the LA Weekly. She succeeds her own successor, Juliet Lapidos, who left recently for The Atlantic.
LA Observed

Bid to dissolve LA Weekly passes first legal hurdle
A Los Angeles judge on Thursday denied a bid by alternative newspaper LA Weekly's new owners to toss a lawsuit from an investor who wants to dissolve the business over ethical violations and other blunders he says

are ruining the publication. Nearly a year ago, a group of investors bought the LA Weekly; no one knew who until plaintiff and co-investor David Welch sued this past August. Welch says the new management brought changes that have hurt the magazine.
Courthouse News Service

Marijuana

LA wants to lock illegal pot shop owners out of their stores
Recreational pot sales have been legal in California for the better part of a year now - but that doesn't mean all pot in Los Angeles is being sold legally. Unlicensed businesses still make up a huge chunk of L.A.'s cannabis industry. By avoiding taxes and regulations, they can undercut their legal competitors with much cheaper products. "It's rough out there, if you're a licensed operator. In general, you're getting crushed," said Adam Spiker, executive director of local cannabis group the Southern California Coalition.
LAist

Following California, pot legalization campaigns across the US aim to throw out old convictions
Rob Jenkins tried for four years to find a job, scouring the Internet for anything that seemed at all appealing - a maintenance position at a Chevron refinery, a counselor for foster kids, a clerk at Hertz. Some employers seemed interested, until they found out about his 2008 misdemeanor conviction for growing marijuana. "I was stuck," recalled the 37-year-old college graduate. "No job opportunities were coming in."
MSN

Pensions

Los Angeles owes billions in pension debts. Now it's asking citizens for permission to run a bank.
How inept is the Los Angeles City Council when it comes to economics? Well, it cartelized L.A.'s commercial and apartment building trash pick-up, completely and deliberately destroying competition in the process. To the surprise of no one but city council, prices skyrocketed and service declined. The city's stranglehold on construction keeps housing development far below the community's needs.
Reason

Will Brown get chance to defend pension reform?
The state Supreme Court told lawyers last month that oral arguments may be held as soon as November in a case challenging part of Gov. Brown's pension reform, which some think could result in a major ruling allowing pension cuts. But the pension case was not placed on the high court's next monthly schedule for oral hearings, Nov. 5 through Nov. 8, before the advance-notice period of at least 20 days expired last week.
Calpensions

Public pension gap widening between top and bottom funds
At 72%, the average 2017 funded status of public pension plans has barely changed in the past few years. And while it remains steady, trends are suggesting a larger gap brewing between the top and bottom thirds. Splitting 180 plans from best-, worst-, and middle-funded levels from 2001 to 2017, the Center for State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE) and the Boston College Center for Retirement Research noticed the top plans average about 90% funded, while the bottom sit at about 55% - and continue to slip in the wake of the 2008-09 financial crisis.
Chief Investment Officer

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